

2009-10 Influenza Epidemiology and Surveillance Weekly Status Report for Kansas

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Executive Summary

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Overview

Despite a substantial increase in the proportion of submitted specimens that tested positive for influenza A (2009 H1N1) this week, from 5.6% to 10.5%, overall influenza activity has decreased in Kansas. This is reflective of the national influenza indicators as well. The proportion of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) reported in the United States was 2.3% for the week ending December 19th which is at the national baseline. Seven of the ten U. S. regions reported influenza-like illness (ILI) below region-specific baseline levels.

Last week, in Kansas, a considerable increase in influenza activity in the southeast region of the state was noted. However, ILINet sites continued to reported data after the deadline and the percentage of outpatient visits for ILI decreased from 9.4% to 6.3% for the week ending December 19th. A substantial decrease in outpatient ILI visits in the southeast region from 6.3% to 1.2% was noted from the week ending December 19th to the week ending December 26th.

Outpatient Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILINet)

Thirty-eight (54%) of the 71 ILINet Sites in Kansas reported ILI data for the week ending December 26th. There has been a slight decrease in the statewide percentage of ILI visits to outpatient clinics from 1.4% for the week ending December 19th to 1.1% for the week ending December 26th. Nationally, the rate of ILI visits at outpatient clinics was 2.3% for the week ending December 19th which is at the national baseline.

A notable decrease of ILI visits to outpatient clinics occurred in the northwest and southeast regions of the state. In the northwest, rates decreased from 4.2% for the week ending December 19th to 0.4% for the week ending December 26th. In the southeast, rates decreased from 6.3% for the week ending December 19th to 1.2% for the week ending December 26th. However, these results should be interpreted with caution. The proportion of ILINet sites reporting data from the northwest region decreased from 75% for the week ending December 19th to 50% for the week ending December 26th. The southeast region experienced an increased proportion of ILINet sites reporting from 71% for the week ending December 19th to 86% for the week ending December 26th.

Hospital Admissions for Pneumonia or Influenza (EMSystems)

For the week ending December 26th, 85 (65%) of the 131 hospitals reported 260 patients admitted for pneumonia or influenza. The statewide rate of hospital admissions per 100 bed-days increased slightly to 0.50. All regions, except south central, experienced an increase in the rate of hospital admission per 100 bed-days. The largest increase was seen in the northwest region with a 41% increase from the previous week.

Hospital Situational Awareness

On Wednesday, December 23th, 113 (84%) of the 134 hospitals reported situational awareness information through EMSystems. Only one hospital in Leavenworth County reported an increased demand for patient care services.

Mortality Due to Pneumonia or Influenza

Twenty-nine (7.2%) of the 401 deaths reported to KDHE during the week ending December 26th were due to pneumonia or influenza. Nationally, deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza has decreased to 7.2% during the week ending December 19th. This marks the first time in 11 weeks that this proportion has been below the epidemic threshold of 7.3%. However, it should be noted that this proportion is still above the seasonal baseline.

Executive Summary (continued)

Self-reported Influenza-like Illness

New data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is available on a biweekly basis. No new information is presented in this week's report.

School Absenteeism

Schools across Kansas are on Winter Break. Therefore no data was reported for the week ending December 26, 2009. School-based surveillance will resume once students return to class.

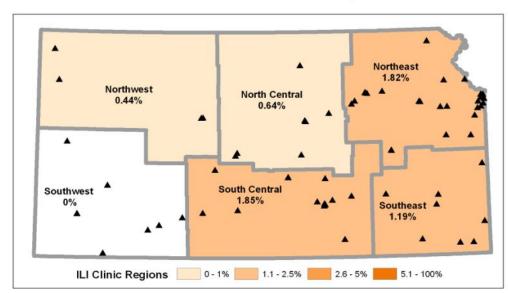
Laboratory-based Surveillance

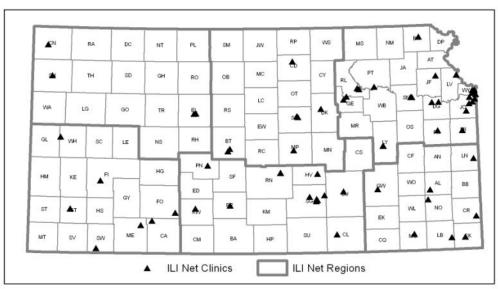
This week the percentage of submitted specimens that tested positive for influenza A (2009 H1N1) nearly doubled from 5.6% to 10.5%. During the week ending December 26th, 57 specimens were tested at KDHE Laboratories (KHEL). Of these, six were positive for influenza A (2009 H1N1). Since October 10th, a total of 2,034 specimens have been submitted to KHEL for testing. Of these, 870 (43%) have tested positive for influenza A (2009 H1N1).



Percentage of Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Reported by ILINet Sites, by Region December 20 - December 26, 2009

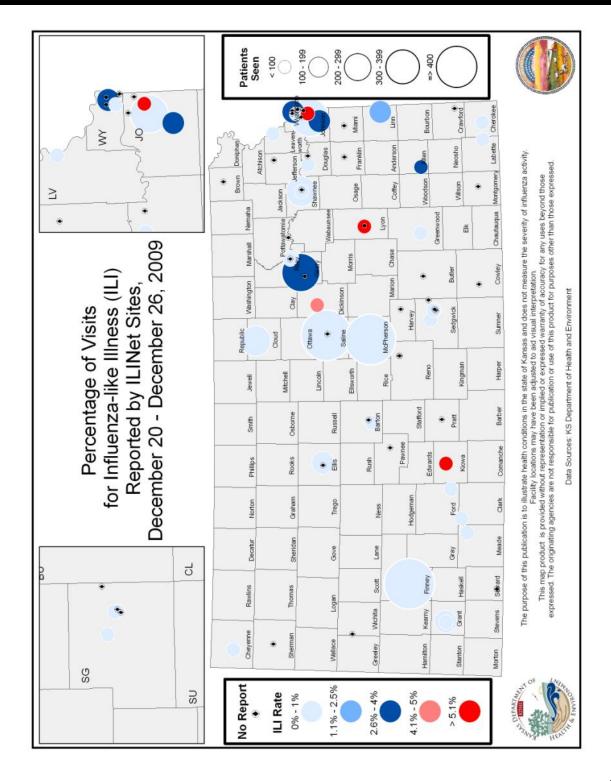


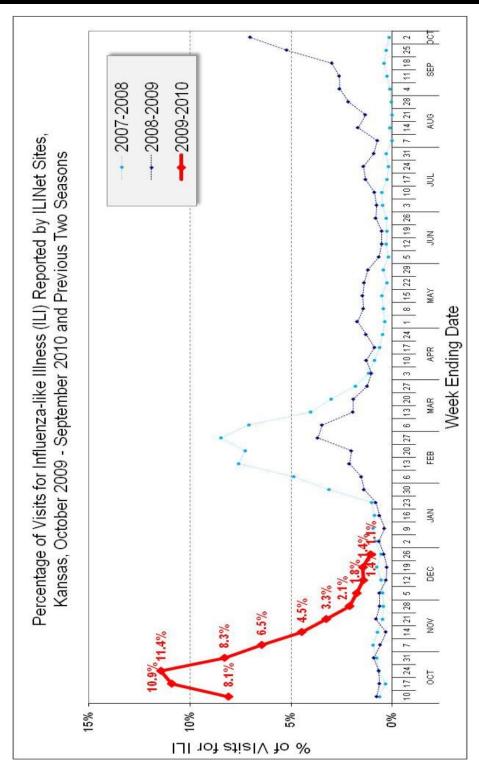




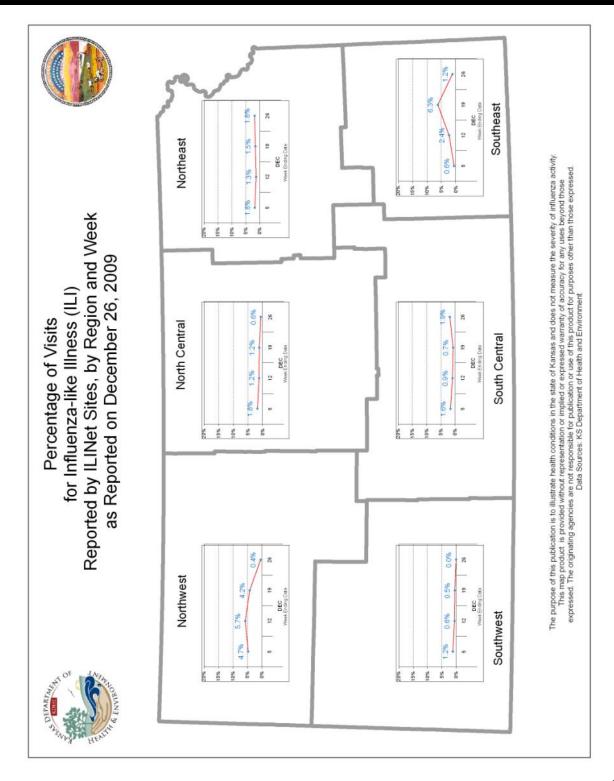
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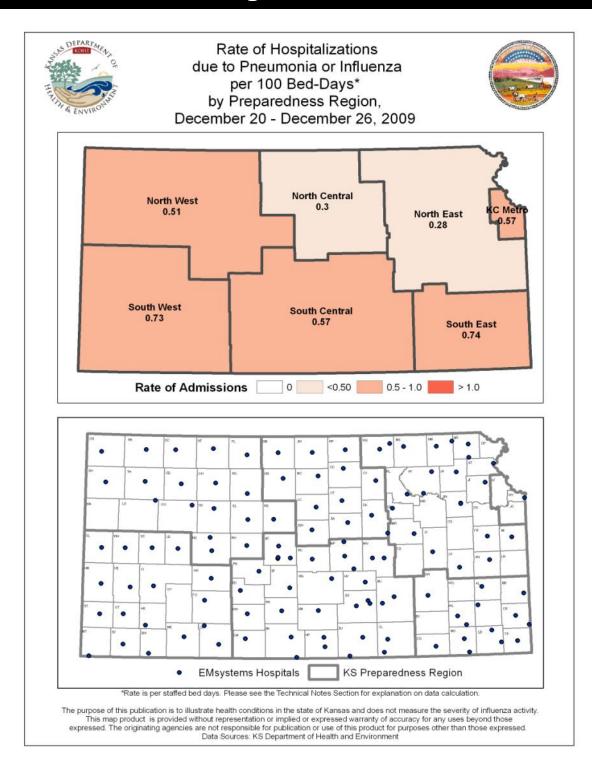




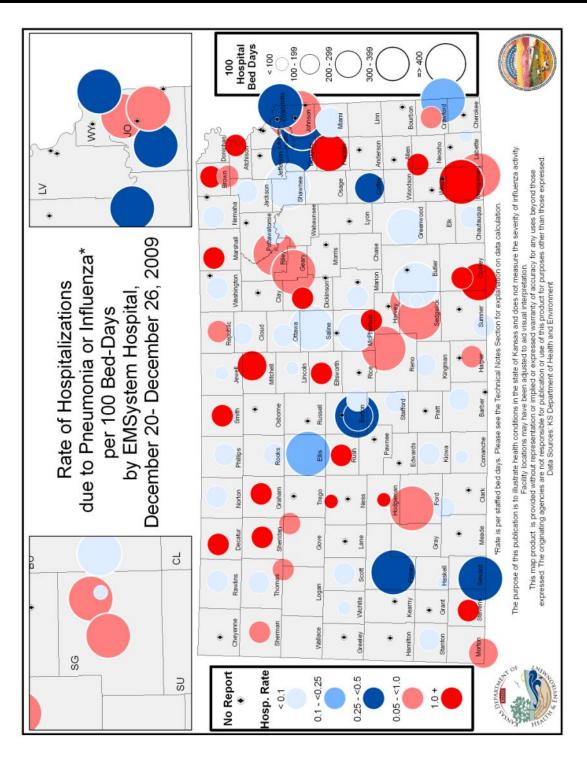
was unique to the 2008-2009 season; data for that week has been excluded from the chart. ILINet sites vary in location, numober 10, 2009. Week 40 of 2008 ended October 4, 2008, and week 40 of 2007 ended October 6, 2007, and so on. Week 53 lears are plotted according to week number corresponding to the 2009-2010 week ending date. Week 40 of 2009 ended Oc-The X-axis represents the week ending dates for the 2009-2010 surveillance year. Data from the previous two surveillance ber, and type (student health, family practice, etc.) each season as new sites are enrolled and former sites are deactivated.



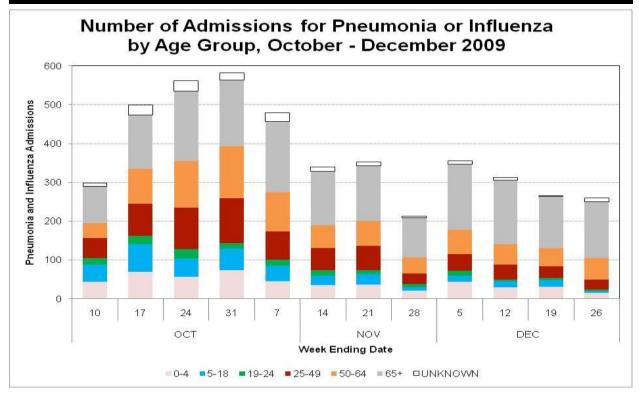
Hospital Admissions (Surveillance Conducted via EMSystems) Week ending December 26, 2009

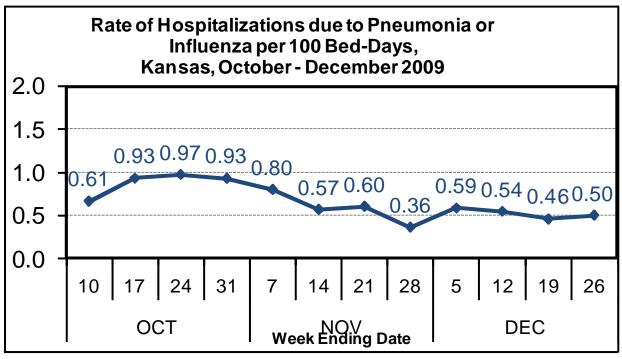


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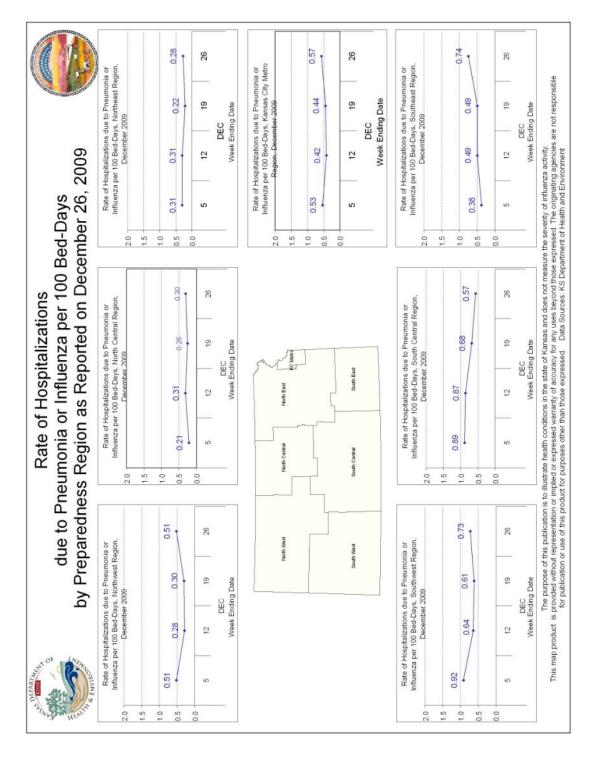


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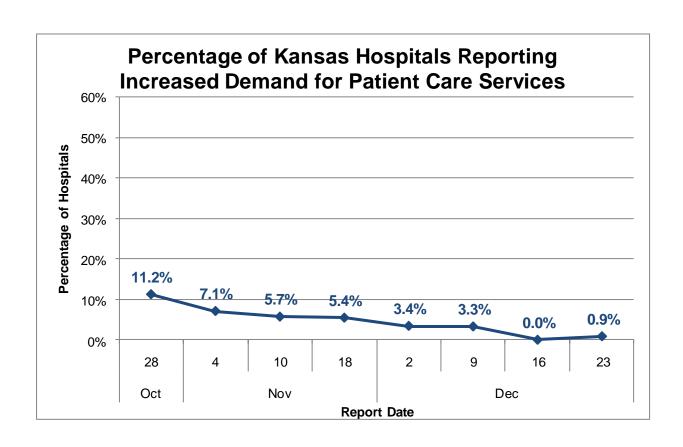




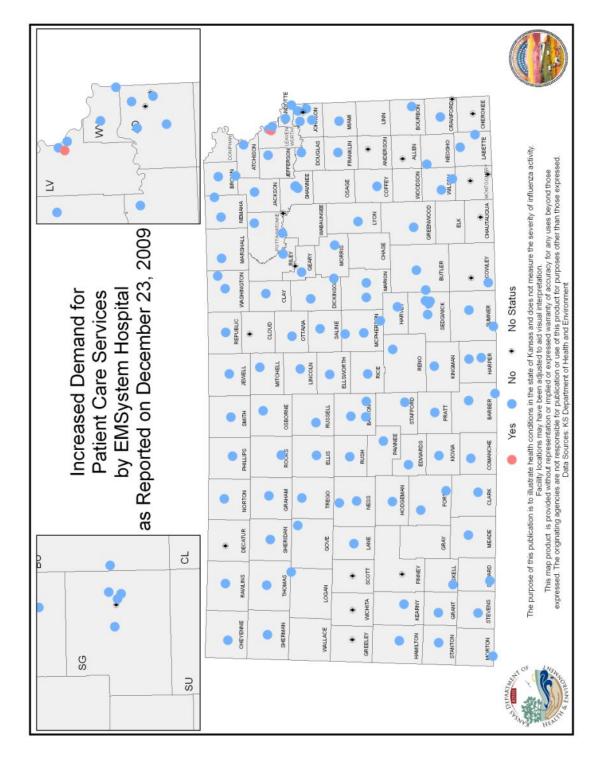
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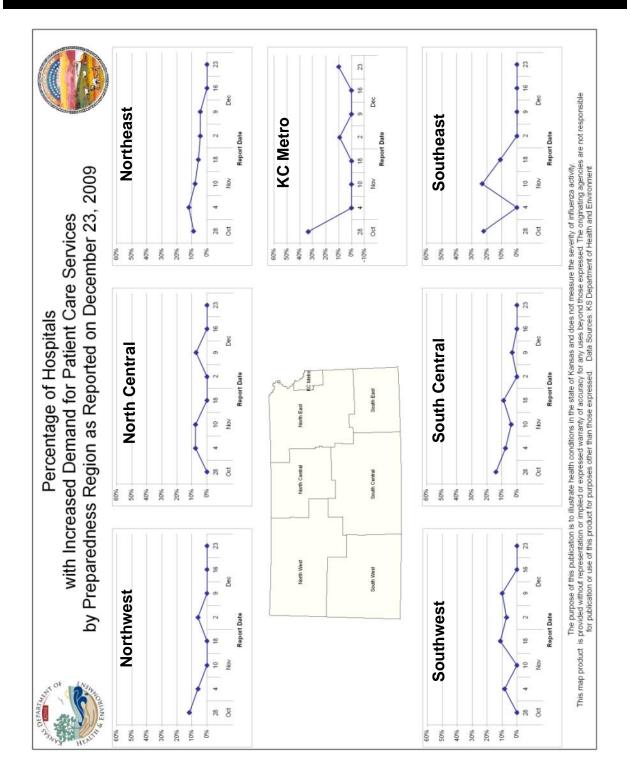
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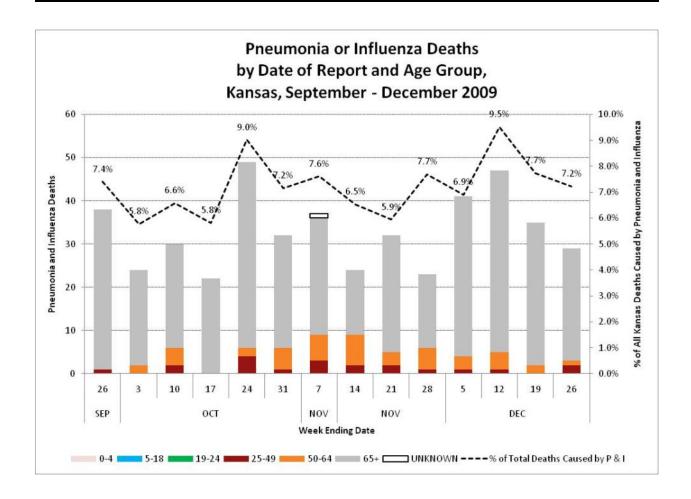
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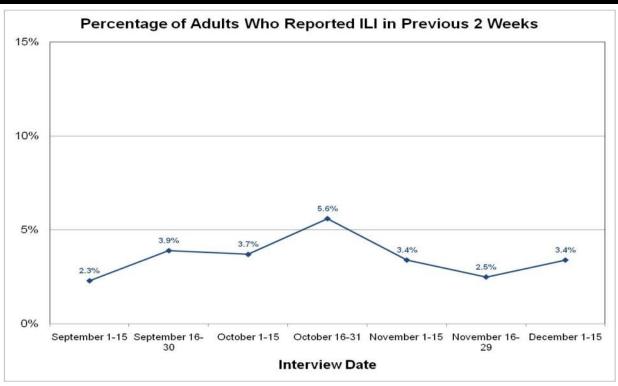
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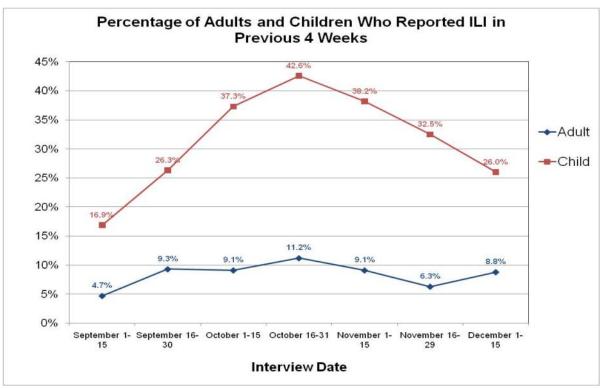


Cumulative Number of Pneumonia or Influenza Deaths Reported by Age Group, September 26—December 26, 2009

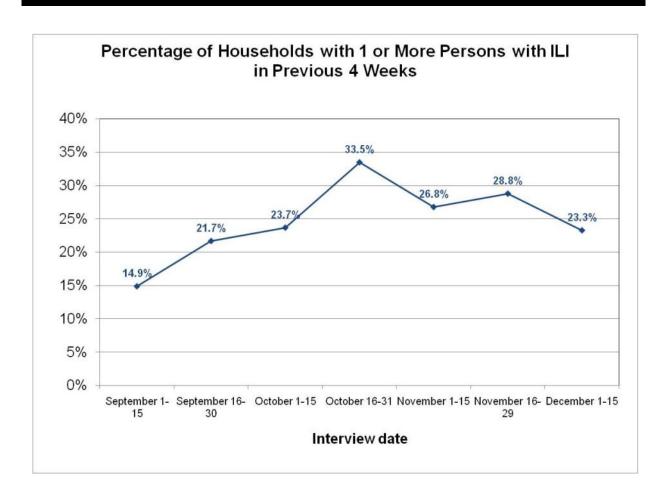
0-4	5-18	19-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Unknown	Total
0	0	0	20	44	398	1	463

Self-Reported Influenza-like Illness (Surveillance Conducted via KDHE BRFSS)





Self-Reported Influenza-like Illness (Surveillance Conducted via BRFSS)

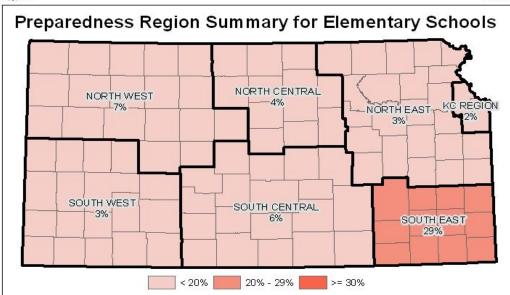


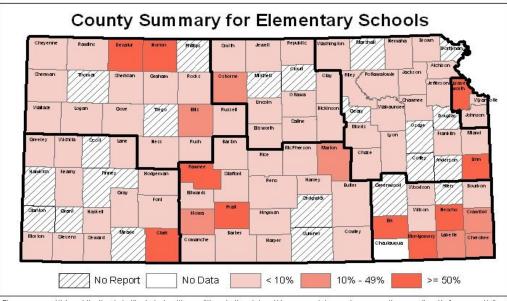
School Absenteeism (Surveillance Conducted via Health Departments) Week ending December 18, 2009*



Percentage of Schools Reporting 10% or Greater Absenteeism December 14 - December 18, 2009







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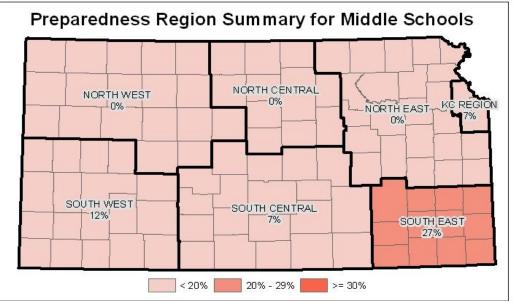
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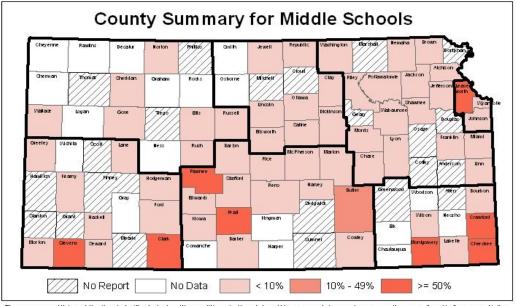
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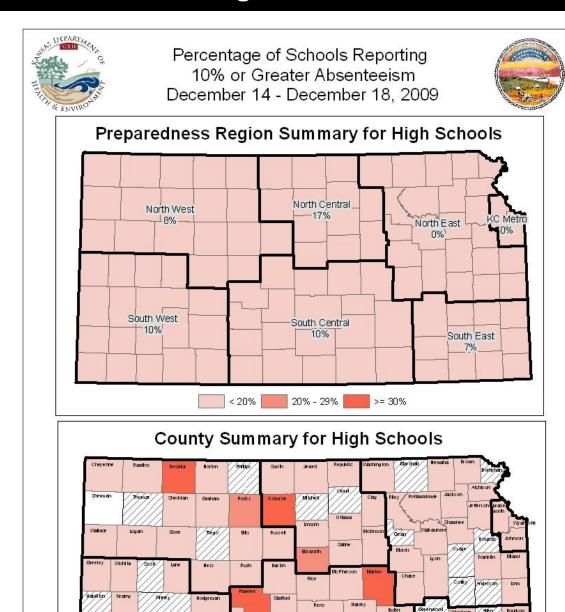


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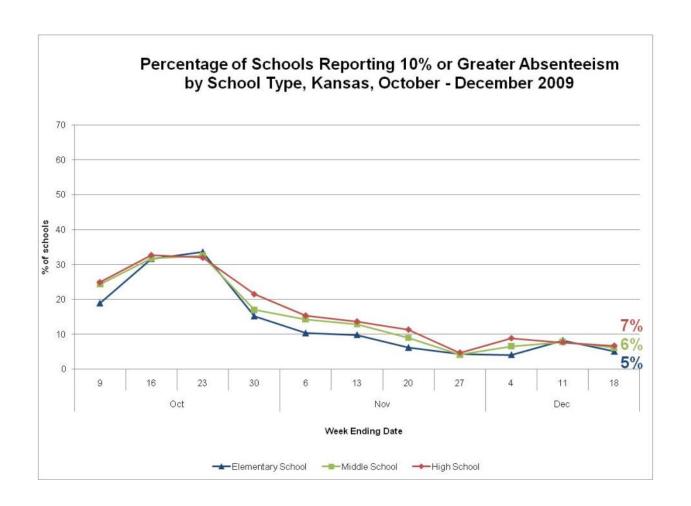
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10% - 49%

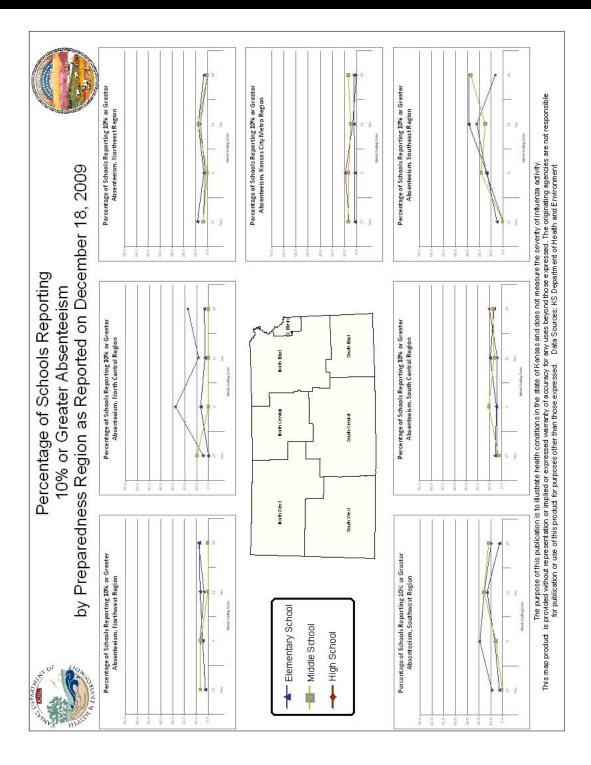
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Percentage of Schools Reporting 10% or Greater Absenteeism by Category and County, Week ending December 18, 2009*

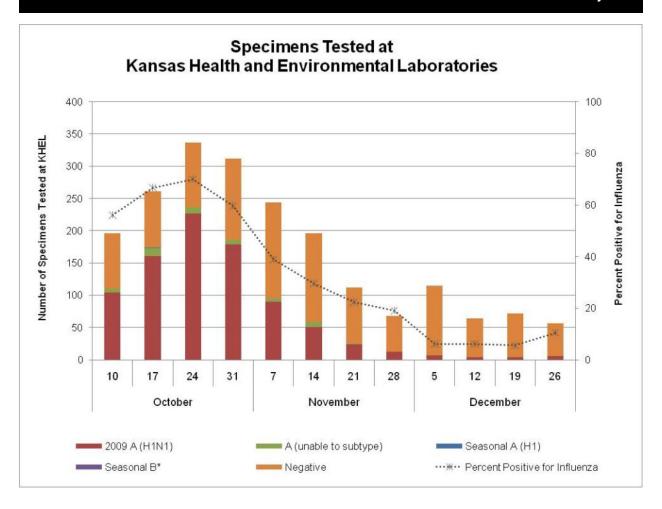
County	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
ALLEN			
ANDERSON			
ATCHISON	0%	0%	0%
BARBER	0%	0%	0%
BARTON	0%	0%	0%
BOURBON	0%	0%	0%
BROWN	0%	0%	0%
BUTLER	0%	11%	0%
CHASE	0%	0%	0%
CHAUTAUQUA			
CHEROKEE	33%	100%	100%
CHEYENNE	0%		0%
CLARK	50%	50%	50%
CLAY	0%	0%	0%
CLOUD			
COFFEY			
COMANCHE	0%		0%
COWLEY	0%	0%	0%
CRAWFORD	25%	100%	0%
DECATUR	100%		100%
DICKINSON	0%	0%	0%
DONIPHAN			
DOUGLAS			
EDWARDS	0%	0%	0%
ELK	50%		0%
ELLIS	10%	0%	0%
ELLSWORTH	0%	0%	33%
FINNEY			
FORD	0%	0%	0%
FRANKLIN	0%	0%	0%
GEARY			
GOVE	0%	0%	0%
GRAHAM	0%		0%
GRANT			
GRAY	0%		0%

County	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
GREELEY	0%	0%	0%
GREENWOOD			
HAMILTON			
HARPER	0%		0%
HARVEY	0%	0%	0%
HASKELL	0%	0%	0%
HODGEMAN	0%	0%	0%
JACKSON	0%	0%	0%
JEFFERSON	0%	0%	0%
JEWELL	0%	0%	0%
JOHNSON	0%	0%	0%
KEARNY	0%	0%	0%
KINGMAN	0%		0%
KIOWA	33%	0%	50%
LABETTE	14%	0%	0%
LANE	0%	0%	0%
LEAVENWORTH	60%	75%	0%
LINCOLN	0%	0%	0%
LINN	75%	0%	0%
LOGAN	0%		0%
LYON	0%	0%	0%
MARION	25%	0%	67%
MARSHALL			
MCPHERSON	0%	0%	0%
MEADE			
MIAMI	0%	0%	0%
MITCHELL			
MONTGOMERY	50%	50%	0%
MORRIS	0%	0%	0%
MORTON	0%	0%	0%
NEMAHA	0%	0%	0%
NEOSHO	100%		
NESS	0%		0%
NORTON	50%	0%	0%
OSAGE			

Percentage of Schools Reporting 10% or Greater Absenteeism by Category and County, Week ending December 18, 2009*

County	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
OSBORNE	33%		100%
OTTAWA	0%	0%	0%
PAWNEE	75%	100%	100%
PHILLIPS			
POTTAWATOMIE	0%	0%	0%
PRATT	100%	50%	50%
RAWLINS	0%		0%
RENO	0%	0%	0%
REPUBLIC	0%	0%	0%
RICE	0%	0%	0%
RILEY	0%	0%	0%
ROOKS	0%		33%
RUSH	0%	0%	0%
RUSSELL	0%	0%	0%
SALINE	0%	0%	0%
SCOTT			
SEDGWICK			
SEWARD	0%	0%	0%
SHAWNEE	0%	0%	0%
SHERIDAN	0%	0%	0%
SHERMAN	0%		
SMITH	0%		0%
STAFFORD	0%	0%	0%
STANTON			
STEVENS	0%	100%	50%
SUMNER			
THOMAS			
TREGO			
WABAUNSEE	0%	0%	0%
WALLACE	0%	0%	0%
WASHINGTON	0%	0%	0%
WICHITA	0%		0%
WILSON	0%	0%	0%
WOODSON	0%		0%
WYANDOTTE	0%	0%	0%

Laboratory Testing (Surveillance Conducted via Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories)



Kansas Department of Health and Environmental Laboratories October 10—December 19, 2009

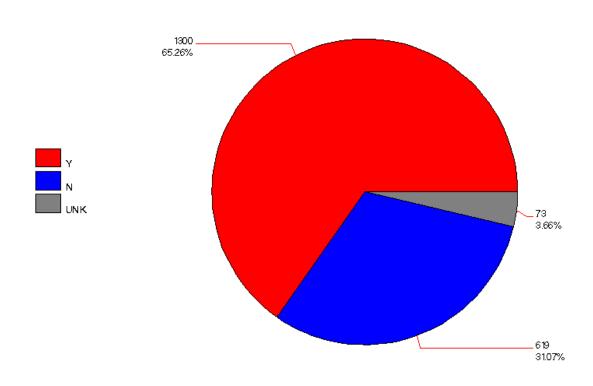
No. of specimens submitted for testing at KHEL 2034

No. of specimens testing positive for influenza A (2009 H1N1) 870 (43%)

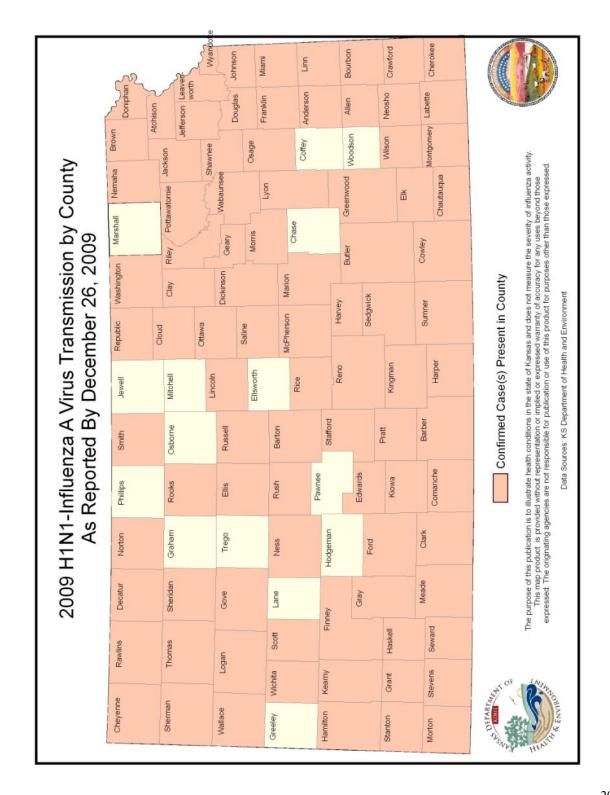
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Influenza Specimens Tested at KHEL by Hospitalization Status

October 4, 2009 — December 26, 2009 FREQUENCY of Hospitalized



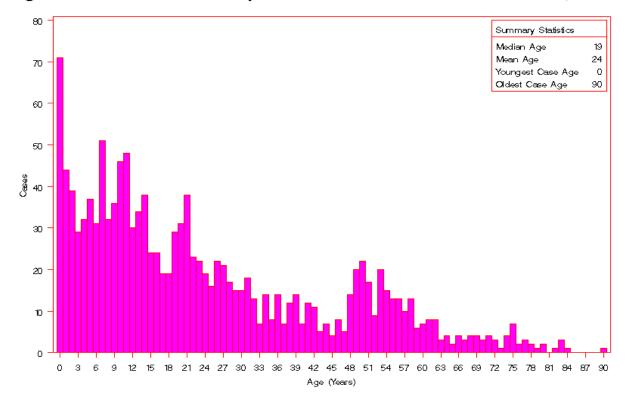
Descriptive Epidemiology of KHEL-Confirmed H1N1 Cases



Descriptive Epidemiology of KHEL-Confirmed H1N1 Cases

Characteristics of Laboratory Confirmed Cases		
Median Age (Years)	19.0	
Age Range (Years)	<1 to 90	
Percent (%) by Age Group:		
<5 Years	(16)	
5 to 24 Years	(46)	
25 to 49 Years	(22)	
50 to 64 Years	(12)	
65+ Years	(4)	
Percent (%) Male	(46)	
Percent (%) Hispanic or Latino	(18)	
Percent (%) by Race		
White Only	(73)	
Black Only	(8)	
Other	(4)	
Unknown	(14)	
Percent (%) Died	(2)	

Age Distribution of Laboratory Confirmed Cases as of December 26, 2009



Technical Notes

Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance (ILINet)

Information on patient visits to health care providers for influenza-like illness is collected through the US Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet). For this system, ILI is defined as fever (temperature of 100°F [37.8°C] or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat in the absence of a KNOWN cause other than influenza.

ILINet clinics in Kansas report the number of patients seen with influenza-like illness each week. The information reflects data collected for the week ending the previous Saturday. As of December 24, 2009, seventy-one sites are enrolled in ILINet in Kansas. The maps and charts on pages 6-9 show the percentage of ILI visits reported by region and by site by week ending date. Each percentage was calculated by dividing the number of patients seen with ILI at the clinic by the total number of patients seen and multiplying by 100.

Influenza-like illness data are collected from Sunday through Saturday of each week. Each participating clinic is requested to summarize the data weekly and submit the data by noon on Tuesday of the following week. The information on these charts may change each week because of data that may have been submitted after the reporting deadline.

Hospital Admissions for Pneumonia or Influenza Surveillance (EMSystems)

Hospitals throughout Kansas submit information to the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) through EM-Systems, a secure, online reporting system. One hundred and thirty-one (131) hospitals that have access to EMSystems are included in this surveillance program. KDHE has partnered with KHA to collect aggregate information on patients hospitalized for pneumonia or influenza.

The maps and graphs on pages 10-13 show the rate of hospital admissions for pneumonia or influenza reported by region and by hospital by week ending date. Each rate was calculated by dividing the number of patients admitted to the hospital with pneumonia or influenza by bed days. The denominator bed days was calculated by multiplying the number of staffed beds by seven.

Hospital Situational Awareness (EMSystems)

As part of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services assessment project, hospitals throughout Kansas submit information to the Kansas Hospital Association (KHA) through EMSystems, a secure, online reporting system. Every Wednesday, 134 hospitals in Kansas provide information that describe the current situation of the hospital at the time of the report. The data represent a "snapshot" in time and do not take into account changes observed over a span of time.

The maps presented in this report on pages 14-16 are the responses to the following question: "Is the facility seeing an increasing demand for patient care services, such as scheduling, triage, assessment, treatment, admissions, transfer, and discharge?". Percentages were calculated by dividing the number of hospitals that responded "Yes" by the total number of hospitals that reported information and multiplying by 100.

Mortality Due to Pneumonia or Influenza

The Office of Vital Statistics within the Bureau of Public Health Informatics at KDHE receives and preserves vital records for events (births, deaths, marriages, and divorces) which occur in Kansas. The mortality data on page 17 reflects the number and percentage of persons whose primary or underlying cause of death was attributed to pneumonia and / or influenza.

Self-Reported Influenza-like Illness

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), which is coordinated and partially funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is the largest continuously conducted telephone survey

Technical Notes (continued)

Self-Reported Influenza-like Illness (continued)

in the world. It is conducted in every state, the District of Columbia, and several United States territories. The first BRFSS survey in Kansas was conducted as a point-in-time survey in 1990, and Kansas has conducted the BRFSS survey annually since 1992.

Beginning in September 2009, the BRFSS questionnaire was revised to include questions to assess influenza-like illness among adult respondents and other members of the household. The graphs on pages 18 and 19 provide the percent of adults, children, and households reporting ILI.

School Absenteeism Surveillance

Data are collected by local health departments (LHDs) during each school week. LHDs report the number of schools with 10% or greater absenteeism and the total number of schools that submit data each week. LHDs submit data to KDHE by noon on Tuesday of the following week.

LHDs report county data in three categories: elementary school (i.e. K-5), middle school (i.e., 6-8), and high school (i.e., 9-12). The designated school category is based upon the majority of grades within the school; for instance, a school consisting of grade levels K-6 would be classified as an elementary school.

Percentages of school absenteeism by county shown on pages 20-26 may be unstable and changes over time should be interpreted with caution. "No report" classification indicates the LHD failed to report any data to KDHE. "No data" classification indicates that either the school(s) did not report any data to the LHD or there are no schools in the county for the specific school category.

Laboratory Testing at Kansas Department of Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL)

The information on pages 27 and 28 represents data reported to KDHE for the week ending the previous Saturday. Prior to September 1, 2009 persons with symptoms consistent with ILI were tested at KHEL. Beginning September 1, specimens were only tested if the person was hospitalized, had died and the cause of death was suspected to be influenza, or if the person was seen at an ILINet Clinic Site.

Descriptive Epidemiology for Laboratory-Confirmed H1N1 Cases at KHEL

The information on pages 29 and 30 represents data reported to KDHE for the week ending the previous Saturday. Only cases that were laboratory confirmed at KHEL are included.

Data Quality Indicators

Percentage of Sites Represented in the Current Week's Data for the Following Sections:

Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance — 54% (38 of 71 ILINet sites)

Hospital Admissions for Pneumonia or Influenza Surveillance (EMSystems) - 65% (85 of 131 hospitals)

Hospital Situational Awareness (EMSystems) - 84% (113 of 134 hospitals)

School Absenteeism Surveillance— No data due to Winter break

Appendix - Number and County Location of ILINet Clinic Sites

Allen	1
Barton	2
Brown	1
Butler	1
Cherokee	1
Cheyenne	1
Clark	1
Cloud	1
Cowley	1
Crawford	1
Dickinson	3
Douglas	2
Ellis	2
Finney	1
Ford	1
Franklin	1
Geary	2
Grant	2
Greenwood	1
Harvey	1
Jefferson	1
Johnson	5
Kiowa	1
Labette	1
Leavenworth	1
Linn	1
Lyon	2
McPherson	1
Meade	1
Miami	1
Montgomery	2
Neosho	1
Pottawatomie	1
Pratt	1
Reno	2
Riley	3
Saline	2
Sedgwick	6
Seward	2
Shawnee	3
Sherman	1
Wichita	1
Wyandotte	6

Appendix - List of Hospitals Included in Hospital Surveillance Section for Current Report

ALLEN COUNTY HOSPITAL IOLA

ATCHISON HOSPITAL

BOB WILSON MEM GRANT CO HOSP ULYSSES CENTRAL KANSAS MEDICAL CTR GREAT BEND CHEYENNE COUNTY HOSPITAL SAINT FRANCIS

CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER COLBY

COFFEY COUNTY HOSPITAL BURLINGTON COFFEYVILLE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

COMANCHE COUNTY HOSPITAL COLDWATER

COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ONAGA

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HC MARYSVILLE

CUSHING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL OBERLIN EDWARDS CO. HOSP. AND HC CTR. KINSLEY

ELLINWOOD DISTRICT HOSPITAL

GALICHIA HEART HOSPITAL

GEARY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL JUNCTION CITY

GIRARD MEDICAL CENTER

GOODLAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER GRAHAM COUNTY HOSPITAL HILL CITY

GREAT BEND REGIONAL HOSPITAL

GREENWOOD COUNTY HOSPITAL EUREKA HARPER COUNTY HOSP DIST NO 6 ANTHONY

HAYS MEDICAL CENTER

HERINGTON MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL HIAW ATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HILLSBORO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

HODGEMAN CO HEALTH CENTER JETMORE

HOLTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HORTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

JEFFERSON CO. MEM. HOSPITAL WINCHESTER

JEWELL COUNTY HOSPITAL MANKATO KEARNY COUNTY HOSPITAL LAKIN

KIOW A COUNTY MEM. HOSPITAL GREENSBURG

KIOWA DISTRICT HOSPITAL KIOWA

LABETTE HEALTH PARSONS

LANE COUNTY HOSPITAL DIGHTON LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL

LOGAN COUNTY HOSPITAL OAKLEY

MEADE DISTRICT HOSPITAL

MEDICINE LODGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ABILENE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MCPHERSON MERCY HOSPITAL MOUNDRIDGE

MIAMI COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER PAOLA MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL BELOIT

MORRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL COUNCIL GROVE

MORTON COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM ELKART

MT. CARMEL REG MEDICAL CTR PITTSBURG NEOSHO MEMORIAL RMC CHANUTE

NESS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST. NO. 2

NEWTON MEDICAL CENTER

NINNESCAH VALLEY HEALTH SYS. KINGMAN

NORTON COUNTY HOSPITAL OLATHE MEDICAL CENTER

OSWEGO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

OTTAWA COUNTY HEALTH CENTER MINNEAPOLIS

PHILLIPS COUNTY HOSPITAL PHILLIPSBURG

PRATT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

PROMISE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER HUTCHINS

RANSOM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OTTAWA
RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER ATWOOD
REPUBLIC COUNTY HOSPITAL BELLEVILLE
ROOKS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER PLAINVILLE
RUSH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LACROSSE

RUSSELL REGIONAL HOSPITAL SABETHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

SAINT JOHN HOSPITAL

SAINT LUKE'S SOUTH HOSPITAL SALINA REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER SATANTA DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND LTCU

SCOTT COUNTY HOSPITAL

SEDAN CITY HOSPITAL

SHAWNEE MISSION MEDICAL CENTER

SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX HOXIE

SMITH COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS RMC ARKANSAS CITY

SOUTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER LIBERAL

ST JOHNS MAUDE NORTON MEM HOSP-COLUMBUS

ST. CATHERINE HOSPITAL GARDEN CITY ST. FRANCIS HEALTH CENTER TOPEKA ST. LUKE HOSPITAL AND LIVING CTR MARION

STAFFORD DISTRICT HOSPITAL

STANTON HEALTH CARE FACILITY JOHNSON STEVENS COUNTY HOSPITAL HUGOTON STORMONT VAIL HEALTHCARE TOPEKA SUMNER COUNTY DIST. NO. 1 CALDWELL SUSAN B. ALLEN MEM. HOSPITAL EL DORADO TREGO CO. LEMKE MEM. HOSPITAL WAKEENEY

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL

VIA CHRISTI REGIONAL MED CTR WICHITA

WAMEGO CITY HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL
WESLEY MEDICAL CENTER WICHITA
WICHITA COUNTY HEALTH CENTER LEOTI